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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

This is to petition for an extension of time in order to file the Response to the First Office Action following the office action mailed June 19, 2003. Grant of this petition is requested. The accompanying paper is Applicants' Response to Office Action and is filed prior to the end of the THIRD month following the expiration of the shortened statutory period. That three-month period expired September 19, 2003.

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